THE TARIFF NECESSARY.

IMPORPANT LETTER FROM GEORGE B. COWLAN, OF LOUISVILLE, KY.

Free Trade Cappot Stand in the South -A Scheme That Fatled in 1801-Cotton and Slave Labor Could Not. Make it Successful.

LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 11, 1888.—How. WILLIAM D. KELLEY, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.—My Dear Sice. Your telegram of yesterday reached me at Knoxville, just as I was leaving for Louis-ville, and I at once telegraphed to use the letter of the 9th if it was worth using. Reflection causes me to doubt whether so basty a note is worth the ink it will take to

The great contest-which has steadily gone on since the Missouri compromise-between the national policy of promise—between the national policy of bome development on the one side, and the colonial policy of exchanging the raw products of agriculture for foreign manu-factures on the other side, can never be de-cided by letters, or speeches, or party plat-forms, or general elections. Not even legis-tion, or the still higher arbitrament of arms, can settle an economic question of such magnitude. Standing alove all these forces can produce nothing more stable

can settle an economic question of such magnitude. Standing alone all these forces can produce nothing more stable than a record written upon sand—excepting, always, the costs and losses of the struggle which still goes on.

The national cause has advanced because this dits skirmish line of public discussion, printer's ink, legislation, and armed hosts has marched a supporting column of the invincible forces of modern progress—steam engines and machinery, the railroad, the mill, the factory, the furnace, and the mite, organizing the division of labor and the profitable exchange of its products, and permanently occupying and holding the ground won. And this is the only love that can hold the ground.

Every investment which has been or shall be produced in our country in excess of the reeds of the producer one thing needed for the comfort or welfare of our people, and which could be products, has been a permanent force to hold and occupy ground won for the national cause. Every investment to produce a thing, however valuable in kind, in excess of ability to profitably exchange it, helps the colonial policy—which may be summed up as a policy of hunding the world in valo quest of a market—and weakens the value of the general product by reducing it to the value of the tramployed surplus.

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the earth for a market for her surplus illustrates better than any words can do the colonial policy on the one side.

The investment of capital from every part of the civilized world, and notably from England, in American railways, mills, mixes, and furnaces, illustrates the value and advantage of compact national development on the other side. Profit is the first law of trade, and that English capital seeks by estiment in American enterprises is a bet-

and advantage of compact national development on the other side. Profit is the first law of trade, and that English capital seeks investment in American enterprises is a better proof of what they really think of our national policy than the utterances of the Cotden Club.

What we build at home we are sure of, and as 90 per cent, of our trade is based upon it, and is profitable, while the remaining 10 per cent, is an uncertain and disturbing element, the wisdom of upholding the 50 per cent, and endeavoring to work the other 10 per cent, into it would seem to need no argument.

And yet the colonial idea is strongly rooted and has a large following in three portions of our country based on local causes, conditions, and folly. In certain commercial circles in eastern cities, in certain agricultural sections of the northwest, in both of which regions it seems to be growing, judging from the noise made, and in the south, where it is unquestionably passing away. Nor are the causes hard to find. They lie upon the surface.

Forign branch houses, and American merchants, too, with here and there a manufacturer, or ex-manufacturer, whose profits have been uncomfortably lessened by competition, and who has become an importer, would be glad to handle the field of slaughter sales which a lower tastiff, or no triff if they could get to it, would throw upon our markets. And if such a policy should transform the west into an English colony, practically, by destroying American manufactures and the bome market the west has for 90 per cent, of her product, all the better ac far as these importing gentlemen are concerned, they think. It is as palpable and as foolish and wicked a trap as ever was set.

But there is nothing new about it. It is anold scheme. It has been tried before and fought for with a bravery and persistence that is to day something for Americans to be proud of. But timale a heap of trouble then, as it would now; falled then, as it will now, for freedom and the inventions of the hidecenth century have occurred to th

The south went craxy on this same scheme in 1801, and organized the southern confederacy on the basis of free trade and slave above—the only system of labor on which free trade ever can be carried out in America. They go together, and the one is bound to fail without the other, and failed with 30 when tried by men who backed it with advavery never excelled in the world's bistor. And leaving out the wickedness of and Tooking upon it as a cold-block, a business enterprise—the largest ever tried in modern times at least—there was some sense in the southern standpolnt. They had their cotton crop, the export of which at that time formed the great bulk of our exports, and the export demand for it had increased so rapidly that they could foree no limit to it, for let it be remembered that the export of cotton for 1800 was not equaled until after 1880. Thus controlling our foreign trade they thought "grass would grow in the streets of New York" if they could get free trade, because the ships that would carry the cotton from southern ports would bring back the exchange of foreign manufactures, against which (ur home manufactures, against which for our grow, and the south thus hoped to monopolize the commerce of the country, with her working capital of cotton produced for export, in a raw state, by elave labor. That was the corneratione of the confederacy—not slavery, but free trade, allied with slave labor. Upon this they calculated to force in the border states, and then the new border states, until the whole was absorbed, just as the plan afterward adopted, of taking "only the top rail" for camp fires worked the absorption of the whole fence. It was a creat scheme, but trouble came of it. Besides, as the each of Eli Whitney's old cotton gin was the corneration of the one of the confederacy.

The south had long had control of the government, had lout it in a three-cornered light, and the north was divided. Cou The couth went crazy on this same scheme in 1861, and organized the southern con-federacy on the basis of free trade and slave labor—the only system of labor on which

of an American city wont work.
But it is easy to see what kind of has-But it is easy to see what kind of has beech these gentlemen who now seek to restablish an importers' oligarchy have been eating. The very magnitude of the trade of the west has dazed thom, as it has dazed obon Bull for many years, and if by a combination they could only get hold of it what a fine thing it would be. Joining, therefore, with England and using Indian wheat as a lever, they hope to rattle our corthwestern friends into dropping their 90 yer cent, of home market for a 10 per cent, loweign market 'and the chances.' The northwest isn't going into the colonial business on that basis—or on any basis. A large part of the development of the northwest has been based on the climulating forces of free lands.

created upon by the homestead laws and lend grant railroads, and still forther by the rapidly increasing foreign demand for breadetuffs, which existed until four or five years ago, but which has since greatly diminished. And now, recognising that her readjustment must come by increasing her manufactures and transferring a large portion of her population to emoloyment which will create a home market she is rapidly meeting the necessities of her condition in that direction. The men who built up the great emptre of the northwest are not to be gobbled up by a lot of foolish and greedy importing merchants and their English allies. The tariff will be more and more necessary to them in protecting their great interests, becoming their main dependence as the force of the homestead and land grant laws are lessened.

These gentlemen count upon the south and the free trade sentiment growing out of her posteond tions, and which still too largely exist, but are rapidly changing. Here, too, their calculations will fail. The south is employing 75 per cent of her population in agriculture, and, because her railroad system is still mainly based uron ideas which prevailed in the reign of King Cotton, has been unable to got at her magnificent wealth of timber, of coal, from, phoaphates, clays, and other minerals, or the magnificent water powers of her mountain region, and thus diversify her agriculture by developing her mineral and manufacturing wealth, which is so great that when once opened it will make her the richest region on the faceoff the earth. But all this is rapidly changing. Slave labor, which was the foundation of the free trade ideas of the south, is gone, and the tall will go with the hide. The region of country described in the little pamphlet I had the honor to send you contains a wealth so great, so varied, with such unusual advantages for its economical collection and manufacture, and the population of four southern states—Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina—to occupations other than those of

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ruther than this, as the mineral forest, and agricultural resources of the south differ largely from those of the north, it will afford vast and profitable orchanges with all other parts of the country. Faithfully yours, GEO, B. COWLAN.

DIFFERENT FROM LIBBY. The Banquet Enjoyed Last Night by the Ex-Prisoners of War.

The second annual reunion and banquet of the Union Ex-Prisoners of War Association of the Union Ex-Prisoners of War Association of the District of Columbia at the National Hotel Jast evening was a most enjoyable affair. The arrangements for the occasion were under the charge of an able committee, consisting of John McElroy, W. P. Pierce, L. P. Williams, L. A. Littlefield, and C. P. Lancoin. One of the private dising rooms of the hotel was set spart for the occasion, On entering the parlors the guests were cordially welcomed by Messre, Macsuley, Hodge, Reiter, McDonald, and Perley, the reception committee.

Al \$20 of clock the doors of the dising-room were thrown open and all lavited to enter and seat themselves at the tables, which were well loaded with fruits, flowers, and eatables. There were about lifty old soldiers present who had, been inmates of Andersonville, Libby, Castle Thunder, and other prisons of the south while about twenty-live ladies, wives and daughters of the members, were seated among them. The menu was most tempting and was discussed until 10:30, when Capt. T. H. McKee, president of the association, arose and made a happy speech of welcome and congratulation. The tossin were responded to by J. F. Mack, editor of the Sandusky (Ohio) Resider; Hon. E. N. Morrill, of Kansas; Hon. A. J. Holmes, of lows, and a number of others. Among those present were Col. Emil Frey the Swiss minister to this country; E. D. Williams, of Indianapolis; Frank E. Morau, of Philadelphia; E. H. Ripple, mayor of Scranton, Pa.; George W. Simpson, of Nanticoke, Pa.; Henry Knipp, of Baltimore; Capt, W. H. Michael and Mal, O., Sanford, of Connecticut. At a late bo it the the happy party broke up. the District of Columbia at the National Hotel

FREE BRIDGE CELEBRATION.

Georgetown Proposes to Make It a Gala

Occasion. A meeting of citizens of Georgetown and ricinity was held last night at the office of a local real estate agent on High street. The object of the meeting was to determine the proper mode of eciebrating the opening of the new free bridge. After some preliminary disnew nee bridge. Ancer some pre-immary dis-cussion the following officers were elected: H. C. Craig, chairman; Mr. Hays, secretary, and W. Nordlinger, tr-asurer. A com-mittee composed of Messrs, tropley, Tenney, Greenlees, Gilbert, and S. T. Brown was ap-pointed to wait upon Secretary Endicoit and obtain from him some definite information as to when the bridge will be completed. Various views were expressed as to the ma-ture of the celebration, some wanted a trides

to when the bridge will be completed. Various views were expressed as to the mature of the celebration, some wanted a trades display, others eithe and military marates, and one solitary individual proposed that the bridge be illuminated with electric lights, and the day flabbed up with a barbeene on Arington Heights.

On motion the chair appointed Messes, Jackson, Hays, Nordlinger, Middicton, Clements, Plater, Gilbert, Dyer, Griezas, Palmer, and Cropley as an exacutive committee to take the eptite anatter in charge.

The smeeting their adjourned to meet at the Americae on Wednesday night.

After the general meeting had dispersed a meeting of the executive committee was called, which body, after due deliberation, decided to defer making definite arrangements until to-day. For that purpose a meeting of the committee will be held in the office of the Potomac Insurance Company at 5 p. m.

Mr. W. M. Febrey, of Falls Church, Va., was appointed a committee of one to secure displays from Alexandria and Fairfax counties.

The Knights of Pythias Fair. The Knights of Pythias Fair.

The fair of Washington division, Knights of Pythias, at the National Rifles' Armory last night was very successful as far as attendance was concerned. Money was plentiful, and the fair got the full benefit of it. Several organizations of the District National Guard, as also civic bodies, were present. The dancing hall was crowded, and, taking all the things together, the night was spent most enjoyably.

Caught Stealing Mills. Barly yesterday evening John Duncau and George Bateman were caught stealing milk out of a dairy wagon at Eleventh and E streets northwest, driven by Howard Lindsey. The boys assaulted the driver, and Duncan threw a stone at Lindsey which, missing him, de-stroyed the store window of R. H. G. Bouls, Officers Lamb and Byrge arrested the youtus and locked them up at the first precinct.

Lecture to the Columbia Albletic Club. Mr. John H. Haswell, of the Department of Mr. John H. Hasvell, of the Department of State, entertained the members of the Colum-bia Athletic Club last night by a most instruc-tive discourse on "Some Events in the Early Diplomatic History of the Government," The subject was handled in a masterly manner and served to increase the interest in the weekly fectures given by this popular organi-tation.

Damages for Defective Sewer Work. The Jury in division No. 2 of the circuit courtyesterday, in the case of Geo. S. Prindle against Robert G. Campbell, gave the piaintin a ventice for \$1,500. Bulk was brought to re-lover \$20,000 for slokness occurring from sower gas, die, it was eighned, to Mr. Campbell's defective plumbing work.

The American Novelist. Col. George W. Williams read a paper before the Philomathian Literary Society last night at the Third Reptist Church on the "American Novellat." Every seat in the church was filled, and Col. Williams handled his subject with great care and case and was frequently interrupted by applause.

CITY ITEMS.

HOWLAND DENTAL ASSOCIATION, 711 Fourand-a-half street northwest, three doors north
of Pennsylvania avenue. E. P. Howland, M.
D. C. H. Howland, D. B. S. surgical, operative,
and mechanical dentists. Extractions, under
nitious oxide, 50 cents each tooth, and only 50
centslexira for ges, whether one or a number
of teeth are extracted at the same sitting.
Have administered nitrous oxide to over 45,000
persons. Artificial teeth 87 per set. Gold,
amalgam, and white fillings inserted in the
best manner. All work warranted first class.

BEREELEY, a pure rye whisky, the best on the market for the price, \$4 per gallon, \$1 a quart, and \$0 cents a pint, \$2 cents a sample bottle, Tharp, \$18 F street northwest.

"Aldersey Dairy Wagons." - Fresh Aider-ney Butter churned every morning and deliv-ered in 36 pound "Ward" prims, at 45 cents per pound. Also outage cheese, 5 cents per ball; buttermilk 5 cents per quart, and sweet milk at 5 cents per quart.

NO MORE CRAZY QUILTS.

This Peculiar Mania Ended at Lust. Many ladies who have worried their friends to death, haunted drug stores, and delved in rag-bags to obtain materials to sid in producing that peculiar anomaly,

delved in rag-bags to obtain materials to sid in producing that peculiar anomaly, rival to Joseph's coat of many colors, will be pained to learn that the mania is at last ended. It came about thusly: Some twenty ladies in Paterson, N. J., formed themselves into a Crazy Quilt Ciub, and used to meet every Wednesday. The president, Mrs. formed themselves into a Crazy Quilt Ciub, and used to meet every Wednesday. The president, Mrs. formed themselves into a Crazy Quilt Ciub, and sent away, and would still have been absent if her huseauch had not bryught her a bottle of Scotch Cats Essence.

So glowing were her praises of it, not only as a curative for neuralgia, but as a brain tonic and general invigorant, that every lady of the club began its use. As a consequence every veetige of "craziness' left their brains and you can't get one of them to touch a quilt of that style.

Scotch Oats Essence has saved many a man and woman from the insame asylum and the grave, has soothed many an aching head, strengthened many a paralyzed limb, given many an easy child-birth, cured many a doctor, lawyer, minister, and business man from the effects of overwork and exhaustion. It has broken the chains of many an optium slave and reformed many a hard drinker.

Your druggist keeps it, and it is but \$1 per bottle.

GOOD TEMPLARS. Much Encouragement Found in the Progress Being Made.

George W. Salter Lodge, Chief Femplar Mace residing, had a pleasant meeting in Woon's Hall, Wednesday evening, instailing its officers, Hall, Wednesday evening instabiling its officers transacting the usual rolutine businers, and giving for good of the order enfertainment conducted by Brother Flacer, as follows: Reading and remarks in behalf of devenile femble work, by the grand superintendent of that department; a reading by Enona Masthrook, chapish: a duet by Sisters Pantine Sian and Keller, a reading by Brother Flance, and romarks by Brother Plannbrey.

Columbia Looge, in Veterans' Hall, F Street, and an unusually instructive session on Wednesday evening last, Chief Templar Beginnin presiding. At the condustant for regular business and theusual intermission, Brother Moore gave a delightful feature upon Javers, illustrated with excellent ergon sketches Among the common yet beautiful members of illustrated with excellent crayon sketches Among the common yet beautiful incubers of the firml kingdom whose peculiarity he mos graphically described were the filly, the pitche plant, and orchids. Tally somewhat move mode of instructive entertainment in lodge; shicily in keeping with the lian of educational work which is now being strongly urged upon members of the order generally and will doubtless win general approvational work which it so easily won in this lodge in the opining exercise.

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Goiden Light Lodge, Alexandria, George II. Hayden, chief templar, which has shown undimented through nine eventful years, and now embraces a paid-up membership of 105, spread a delicious lunch on Wednesday at a central point on the line of march, and gathered in a round fifty of the "dollars of our daddies." Goiden Light meets in Odd Frilow' Hall, on Columbia street, every Tuesday evening, and is now at its best as a useful, working organization, in which the old veterans and the new recruits emulate each other in activities along the total abstinence and prohibition line. High authority in the order gives Golden Light the honor of first place among the Good Templar lodges in the state. Alexandria some years since laid rightful claim to the largest and best juvenile temple anywhere abouts, and, having elected Miss Mary Goods, a bright and energetic sister, as superintendent of templars, Golden Light is det miliaed to regain her former prestige in juvenile templary. The regular meeting of John E. Finch L. sign of Good Templars at their hall on Maryland, with Chief Templar S. W. Sherwood presiding was filled with interest. At the conclusion of the order committee had a fine programme to present. Brother Dennis Ferry made a brief address on the temperance, entertained the company with two songs. Brother Johnson, of "Perseverance," entertained the company with two songs. Brother fineson, of "Perseverance," entertained the company with two songs. Brother fineson, and singers, which, together with acceptable vocalisms. There were other recitations and singers, which, together with the gice club, made the evening a most enjoyable one.

THE COURT RECORD. Court in General Term-Chief Justice Stag-ham and Justices James and Cox,-Ros vs.

The Charity Fund.

The following subscriptions to the charity fund have been received by Mr. C. J. Bell, treasurer, to date: C. C. Glover, 50: W. S. Cox, \$50: C. C. Willard, \$25: R. Rass Perry, \$2: cash, \$1: J. W. Macartney, \$10: W. B. Gissley; \$20: cash, \$1: J. W. Macartney, \$10: W. B. Gissley; \$10: C. A. McEwen, \$5: Allan McLane, \$25: Mary H. C. Baird, \$5: Mrs. D. W. Mahon, \$25: Mary H. C. Baird, \$5: Mrs. D. W. Mahon, \$25: Mr. D. W. Mahon, \$5: M. W. Heveridge, \$5: J. C. Welling, \$10: T. W. Smith, \$20: C. Welling, \$10: T. W. Smith, \$20: C. Wessman, \$100: Linden Kent, \$5: S. Norment, \$2: J. W. B. Webb, \$125: Washington Gaslight Company, \$100: W. B. Orme, \$10: S. W. B. Smills, \$20: W. B. Webb, \$125: Washington Gaslight Company, \$100: W. B. Orme, \$10: cash, \$20: L. J. Davis, \$20: E. R. Williams, \$2: J. H. C. Colin, \$2: W. Br. Grash, \$2: L. J. Davis, \$20: E. R. Williams, \$2: J. H. C. Colin, \$2: Warner & Co., \$2:; G. W. T. Swartach, \$10: A. T. Briton, \$2:: H. A. Williams, \$2: J. H. C. Colin, \$2: Warner & Co., \$2:; G. W. T. Swartach, \$10: A. T. Briton, \$2:: H. A. Williams, \$2:: G. C. Green, \$2: Warner & Co., \$2:; G. W. T. Swartach, \$10: A. T. Briton, \$2:: H. A. Williams, \$2:: G. C. Green, \$2:: Harris, \$20: G. W. T. Swartach, \$10: A. T. Briton, \$2:: H. A. Williams, \$2:: G. C. Green, \$2:: Harris, \$20: G. W. T. Swartach, \$2:: G. C. Green, \$2:: H. C. Becker, \$3: C. R. Green, \$1: C. Becker, \$3: C. R. Green, \$1: C. Becker, \$3: C. R. Grand Dakin, \$1: Cash, \$1: W. W. Rapiey, \$10: Franklin & Co. \$5: the Shoemsker Co., \$7: Beckingham, \$5: Hollman Bros, \$5: C. R. Harris, \$2: G. Cash, \$1: W. W. Barts, \$1: C. R. Gimenton, \$3: G. S. M. Jones, \$5: C. R. Harris, \$2: G. Cash, \$1: W. W. Barts, \$1: G. France, Thomas, \$2:: G. N. A. Swayer, \$1: G. Becker, \$5: G. R. Swayer, \$1: The Charity Fund.

Building Permits.

Building permits were issued as follows yesterday: Henry Strong, to erect a six-story brick store at 1.15 and 12.9 F street morthwest, at a cost of \$40,000 is. A. sixbury, seven brick at each of \$12,500 Adam Gaidds, four frame dwellings on Jarkson street, between Pierce and Wilmore streets, at a cost of \$3,000 Adam Gaidds, four frame dwellings on Jarkson street, between Pierce and Wilmore streets, at a cost of \$3,000 Anton Eberly, one brick dwelling at 478 H street morthwest, at a cost of \$2,000 James R. Johnson, two brick dwellings on Brightwood avenue, at a cost of \$2,000 T fames H. Jayne, one brick dwelling at 1000 Thirty-second street, at a cost of \$2,000 Immel Doughesty, one frame dwelling at 500 Thirteenin street southeast, at a cost of \$2,000.

Potomac Flats Material. Col. Hain- yesterday, at noon, in his office opened bids for furnishing materials for the work on the Potomac flats. The lowest bide work on the Potoman flats. The lowest bids were as follows: 18.12 feet lumber, T. W. Smith, \$14.50 per thousand: broken stone, 800 cubic yards. L. Shoemaker, \$1.55 penbles, 800 cubic yards. E. E. Burrough, 70 cents; piles for reservoir outsit, of various lengths, 39 coolings feet, Charles S. Becce, Baltimore, Md., 7 cents per foot. All of these hidders except the last, are Washingtonians.

HOW THE MINERS LIVE.

Due of Them Tells of Thatr Wretched Condition Under Company Rule. HAFFLYON, PA , Feb. 21.-D. M. Evans, a practical miner, was examined by the congressional investigating committee this morn-ing. He referred to the strike in the Lehigh regions, and the demands made in Angust, the refusal to arbitrate, which resulted in a strike. He related the utilable condition of the miner, saying they were obliged to trade at

He related the pitiable condition of the miner, saying they were obliged to trade at the stores of the company, and some never saw a dollar in cash. They were unable to get similate to eat, and could scarcely buy a calloo dress for their wives. The average earnings of the miners would not exceed \$10 per month, and out of this the miners took \$1.05 annually for taxes. The men were charged \$2.10 per ton for coal, and were obliged to pay for a certain quantity whether they used it or not. Married men were taxed \$8 and aingle men \$6 per year for the company's doctor. Rents were from \$3.25 to \$7.30 per month for houses worth not more than \$250 or \$200. When there was a birth in a family \$7 or \$8 in addition to the regular tax was deducted for the physician.

He then discussed the company store business, saying the miners were charged 10 to 15 per cent, more for articles than at individual stores. There was no compulsion to purchase at the company stores, no threats of discharge if they did not, but there were other methods of coercion. A miner, for instance, when his breast of coal was worked out would find no more work for him and would be companied to return to the grade of an inside laborer. Of late, however, the mon were getting out of that serioom, and the evil of the store system did not extend as universally as herefolore. Evictions were not unusual. Accounts were submitted showing that after working for months for the company the men were submitted showing that after working for months for the company the men were sulli in debt to the operators. On cross-examination he said that \$1.50 would be more rather than less what it would cost to mine a ton of coal. It is not the store and the species of the great exodus of miners from the region. The next winness was \$1.50. He then spoke of the great exodus of miners from the region. The next winness was \$1.50. He then spoke of the great exodus of niners from the region. The next winness was \$1.50. He then spoke of the great exodus of niners from the sme them.

TENNESSEE PROHIBITIONISTS.

Delegates Instructed for Clinton B. Fiske for President. NASHVILLE, TENN , Feb. 23,-The state Pro-Biblion convention reverday appointed twenty-four delegates to the national conven-tion to be need at Indianatolis. The delegates were instructed for Gen, Clinton B, Fiske for President. A state convention will be held May is, the same day as the Republican con-vention. It was urged that a full state ticket be placed in nomination.

THE MYSTERY SOLVED The Double Tragedy to Camden Ex-

plained. PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23.—The hodies of the mau and woman found dead in Camden yes-terday have been identified asthose of Michael Finnegan, a worthless, dissipated fellow, and Mrs. Weiker, wite of a hukstler, The two have been in limite for a long time. Finne-gan's infernation for the woman and his jealousy prompted the double crime.

INTERNAL REVENUE LAW. The North Carolina Democrats Want It Repealed. Rallight, N. C., Feb. 23.-The state Demo-

ratices executive committee to-day fixed May 30 as the date of holding the convention. A resolution salirating the internal revenue plank of the party platform of 1884, and demanding the repeal of the entire internal revenue law, was adopted, and a copy of the resolution ordered sent t each member of Congress from the state. THE FISHERIES TREATY. Canada's Governor General Hopes It Will Prove Satisfactory. OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—The Dominion parliament was opened this afternoon. In his address the governor general referred to the fishery treaty with the United States, and expressed a hope that it would prove satisfactory and honorable to both nations.

PROMISING GREAT THINGS. The National Reform Party Just Start-

ing its Campaign.

The closing convention of the National Reform party was held yesterday in the hall corner Seventh and L streets northwest, the attendance being small. A great deal of disattendance being smail. A great load of dis-satisfaction was showed among the delegates over the convention's nominating a ticket, as the call for the meeting was simply for a con-ference on the ovis of the day, and solding was contained in the call to indicate that a ticket would be placed in the field at this meeting.

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Members of the national executive committee were chosen, as follows. Continual H. 1.

Bayly, Hiltob: scerotary, Miss E. M. Jacobs treasurer, Col. Lee Crandell, M.s. B. A. Logewood, member at larger Alabana, Hon. Chas.

Pelham: Arkanas, Jane McChucken Colondo, Thomas Bowen: claifornia, Richar Lambort, Delaware, A. R. Fabor, Georgia, M. Farker, Bolton, C. 1.

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Mr. A. E. Redstone, the nomines for President, was then called forward, and accepted the high bonor in a short address, in which be took occasion to sorre the two eith perties for their shortcomings and to predict wonderful bings when the party he represented took control of the ship of state.

Mrs. Beiva A. Lockwood, the excandidate for the presidency, followed in a rousing address. She contended that the Industrial Reform party was the only party that had recognized woman, and in her judgment it was the only party that would free the working class from the hand of monopolles.

Other addresses on reform were made by Mr. S. E. Booth, of Kansas, and Mrs. W. G. Rove, of Cleveland, and at 12:16 o'clock the first and only convention ever held in this city to nominate candidates for the presidency and vice presidency adjourned sine die.

Alexandria Matters. Oriental Lodge, No. 6, K. of P., will to-night celebrate the 24th anniversary of the founda-tion of their order at their half, on Pitt street.

celebrate the 24th anniversary of the foundation of their order at their hall, on Pit street. The four founders of the order living are expecied to be present. A banquet will be served. Scretary Harlow, of the Mount Vernon Avenue Association, yesterday received from the clerk of the house of delegates a certification that the committee of the Mount Vernon avenue charter a originally drawn, passed, and signed by the governor.

The cliticons here are very much incensed at the action of the cavalry company at four Whipple, who gave as a reason that they did not take part in the parade here on the 12 was because they would have had to ride over a very muddy road to have reached here, and that to eclebrate the birthday of deorge Washington was not a sufficient inducement.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Honor, will meet in this city on March 6. It is to be hoped that we will have sufficient hold accommodations by that time.

The Grand Lodge, Knights of Pythias, in seasion in Danville, yesterday decided to hold their next Grand Lodge in this city. This action was secured through Delegate J. M. Holt, of Oriental Lodge, of this city.

A party of twonty-five Alexandrians strended the performance of "Nero" by the National Street and Fotomac Railread & Holty held the train until 120 cook, in order that they might see the performance through.

Return of Sir Fhouras H. Gratian Esternic Comments through.

Return of Sir Thomas H. Grattan Es-Return of Sir Thomas H. Grattan Es-monde.

A committee of the Irish National League, composed of Thomas H. Walsh, surgeon Gen-eral Donohue, and Peter Mudartney, met Sir Thomas H. Grat an Esmonde at the Baltimore and Potomac denot at 4 n. n. yesterday, and secorted aim to the Eiges House. Surgeon General Donohue gave Sir Thomas a ride be-hind his wonderful mustamy pony for about two Lours. Sir Thomas does not think his presence will be needed in parliament for a couple of months at least.

Democratic Congressional Committee The Democratic Congressional Committee The Democratic Congressional Committee held a meeting at the capitol isst night. Representative James T. Jones, of Alabama, was made chairman, and Representative Bonjamit, Shiriyi, of Indiana secretary. The chairman was surfarized to appoint ten members of the committee, who, with the three appointed by the Benate, are to constitute a joint executive committee, with power to clear its own chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

Injunction Against the District. Justice Cox, in the equity court yesterday granted a temporary injunction against the District of Columbia and the First National District of Columbia and the First National Bank of New York, restraining them from selling lots 6 and 7 in square north of square 6, the projectly of James D. Daly, the plaintiff in the case and which the decendants had advertised to sell yesterday. This is another sail brought about to prevent the District commits stoners selling certain properly to pay certain improvement certificates.

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LIVING IN DREAMLAND

The Absent Mindedness of Associate Justice Lamar. Justice Lamar, the newly appointed asso clate of the Supreme Court, is perhaps the most absent minded of all great men on this continent. Some years ago he was chairman of an important committee in the Senate. It is said he started from his hote one morning in great haste in order to be on time to attend a committee meeting. While going along the avenue at a rapid walk toward the espitol a gust of wind blew his hat in the street in the oppoafte direction from which he was going After his hat had traveled a considerable distance up the avenue it was finally cap tured by a small boy and presented to the senator, who in kindness gave him a quarter for his services. After brushing the dust from his hat he placed it on his head and continued to walk in the same direction the wind had taken his hat, up the avenue toward the Treasury Department. The senator, not thinking which way he was going, continued his walk rapidly until he reached the Treasury building, passed up the steps, jumped in the elevator, told the man to put him out on the second floor, which he did. The senator turned round the broad hall, opened the door of a room, when, much to his asionishment, who should he find but the Secretary of the Treasury. Instead of being in the Secretary's office. He was greeted cordially by the Secretary and asked to take a seat. The secutor exclaimed. It have made a mistake: I thought I was in the capitol; but as I am here I will talk a little business with you." "What shall it be?" said the Secretary. Lamar replied: "I have come to ask the appointment of a colored man who is worthy in every sense to hold such a position as I will sake for him: I want the position of messenger for him." The Secretary said: "I will be most happy to comply with your wishes: the man shall be appointed." Some days after this ex Senator Bruce, from Mississippi, called upon the secretary and asked him if he knew anything about the political record of the colored man who he had appointed for Senator Lamar. "I only know this," said the Secretary. Senator Gruer recommended him as worthy and well qualified for the position." Bruce replied: "That man was a member of the Mississippi legislature and voted for Lamar for United States senator." The Secretary said: "It is so seldon that a Democratic senator ever recommends a colored man in such warm terms as Mr. Lamar did. I thick the senator left the treasury building, intending to take a car for the capitol. Through some mistake he could get a car for the navy yard. He aske After his hat had traveled a considerable distance up the avenue it was finally cap

friend that he had been trying to get to the capitol to attend a committee meeting all the morning. It was then 1:30 o'clock.

Lismar saw a stray backman passing slowly, and he halled him: he asked the driver if he could take him to the capitol, and how long it would be te take him. "Fifteen minutes," was the prompt reply. The senator boarded the hek, and the driver drove off for the capitol. Lamar reached the Senste twenty minutes from the time he left the navy yard. His friends in the Senate asked him where he had been all the morning, that he had been needed several times. He replied, "I have been ever since 10 o'clock trying to get here by way of the treasury, Georgetown, and the navy yard, and at last I hired a hackman to deliver me at the Senate; I am now here," said he, "and ready for any business which the "and ready for any business which the Democratic party may need me for."

A CURIOUS KNIFE.

Bistory of a Blade That Has Killed Twenty-Two People.

New York Telegram | One of the detectives attached to the twenty-ninth precinct has in his possession a stiletto which is said to have been used in twenty-two murders, and which was the ruin of one of the oldest and wealthiest families in Italy. The weapon is kept by

families in Italy. The weapon is kept by the detective to a small from box at his home, and a Telegriff reporter is the only one who has handled it since it came into his care, five years ago.

When seked to tell the story of how it came into his poscession, the detective said:
"I was an officer on patrol duty at the time, and, as my beat was in that district known as 'little Italy,' I got to know a number of the Palisas I lying there. Among them was a tail, fine looking fellow, named fullecppi Graveno, and he and I were great friends. He seemed to be better clurated riends. He seemed to be than the others of his kind, and would stand and talk to me by the hour of his once magnificent home in southern Italy, but which owed its ruin to a kuife. but which owed its ruin to a koife.

"The knife, he said, had been picked upby one of his ancestors in Egypt over 200
years ago, and had descended in his family
from father to son, and in that time twentytwo people had been killed with it. I used
to think he had been drinking when he
would describe the murders, and more
especially when he would tell me, as he
would often do, that no one could handle
the knife without cutting some one with it.

"One night he came up to me on post
and handed me something wrapped in a
diece of cloth which he explained was the
mysterious and fatal knife. He was
afraid, he said, to keep it for fear he might
be tempted to use it, and wanted me either
to desiroy it or put it some place where no mysterious and fatal kuife. He was alraid, he said, to keep it for fear he might be tempted to use it, and wanted me either to destroy it or put it some place where no one could handle it. I took the kuife and put it in my pocket and forgot all about it until I was at home. I took it out, unrolled the cloth, and pulled the blade out of its sheath. The blade was about five inches long, and curved in and out in a curious manner, giving it a look like a tongue of flame. The handle was covered with dark colored leather, and I took it up in my hand to look at it more closely I don't know what came over me, but suddenly I felt a queer sensation all over my body. My fingers closed over the handle, and the queer shaped blade seemed to quiver with life. I felt an unconquerable desire to stick it into some one, and would probably have done so had my hand not struck the hot chimney of a lamp, and the pain caused me to drop it.

"I managed to get the blade in the sheath again and wrap it up as it was given to me, and put it into that from chest, where it has been ever aline."

The reporter asked to see the kuife, and after considerable plending got the detective to open the box and lay the keife on the table. The sheath was a plain, heavy leather one, and the handle was a line hundreds of others he had seen that the reporter smiled at the supposed gives sory. The binde was withdrawn, and, as the elective had said, was curved in a curious manner. Near the handle were a number of hieroglyphics, and, like the detective, the reporter to examine them lifted the kinife from the table. His hand had hardly closed on the shaft when the curious thrill passed over him, but just then the detective forced the kuife out of his hand, and with a sign of relief he saw it looked in the fron the table. His hand had hardly closed on the shaft when the curious thrill passed over him, but just then the detective forced the kuife out of his hand, and with a sign of relief he saw it looked in the fron chest from the table. His hand had hardly clo

blades which had a similar power, and the stiletto may have been fashlound by the hands that fashlound them.

Pension Fraud Cases.

The commissioner of pensions has been a sed that the grand jury returned, late a filled States court at Philad lights, Pa., the 20th Instant, an indictment against Adam Martin, of Liverpool, Pa., for having received an illegal attorney (so of \$1.5%) in the pension vision of John Tyce. He has also need advised that Colin Campbell, who was arrected on the 3d instant for falsely personaling a government officer, was, on the 15th Instant, trought before United States Commissioner Pavis, of Nalamanco, Mich., and bound over it the sum of \$1.60 to appear better the grant year farmed and the states court. He has been further advised that Florence R. Show, of Waterbown, Mass., who was arraigned before United States commissioner at Boston, Mass., on the 1st Milmo, has been held under \$2.00 touch, to await the section of the grand jury at March virm lass, of United States court at Haston. Mass. She was pensioned as the widow of thes H. Snow, while the proof shows that she e 20th instant, an indictment against Ad

CONSERVATIVELY BULLISH.

nificant Fluctuations.

New York, Pab. 23.—The stock market was again dull to day, but presented a strong front, though, outside of a few specialities, the fluctuations were entirely insignificant, being generally within a range of less than 's per cent. The great feat-ure of the lay was the strength and activity in the southern stocks, the buying of Richmond and West Point by the insiders being very marked. The influential firms, however, were bearing the stock, but the price steadily admarked. The influential from, however, were bearing the stock, but the price steadily advanced, the offerings being very light.

The general feeling was conservatively builds, and the crity sellers during the morning boars were the professional bears, but neither the foreigners for commission people were doing anything, and after the list advance the tradens realized freely and the advantage was neutralized. First prices were generally from 1, 10 % per cont. above the closing figures of fuesday, and this advantage was neutralized, and this advantage was further increased in the early trading, but the market became extremely duil, and after neon settled down to utter stagnation and prices sagged on until the last hour, when some strength was shown. The market chosed firm though duil, at slight fractions better than first prices.

Monoy on call has been easy, ranging from 2 to 1%, last loan at 2, and closing offered at 1. Sterling exchange is duil and firm. Actual-business at 485 for 90 day bills, and 486 to 4804 for demand. Posted rates 4854 to 4804 for demand, Posted rates 4854 to 4804 for demand. Posted rates 4854 to 4814 for demand, but have been duil and featureless.

Treasury balances—Coin, \$129,798,898; currency, \$12,244,75.

The following were the closing bil quotations to day.

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1081, Col. 3,558, 117; Ga. 78, cold 195;
La Cons. 224; Mo. 68 of '88, 191; N. C. Cons.
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Following is the range of prices in the Chicag market, furnished by B. K. Plain & Go., at. Cloud Building, cernar, Ninth and F streets: Wheat-Opng. High. 75 75% 57% 57 71% 30% 11% 3.% 51

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68. 1891 Per Impt. gold.
78. 99. Per Impt. gold.
79. 1892. Market Stock. currency.
79. 1892. Market Stock. currency.
68. 99. 20-year funding, gold.
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68. 1992. Market Stock. currency.
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FIJOUR quiet and steady.
WHEAT—Southern, nominally firm; red, 92 6990; amber, 026990; western, easier and dull; 80, 2, winter red, 500, 574,6881/2; March, 88, 68-51, May, 505,6890; c.
COAN-Southern lower and dull; white, 546,550; yellow, 551,68640; western lower and dull; mixed, spot, 586,584,69; February, 581,686; March, 581,68610; May, 556,554,69; OATS steady and dull; southern and Pennsylvania, 556,486; western white, 106,610; May firm and quiet, 556,500.
RYE firm and quiet, 556,500.
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PETROLEUM steady—refused, 715c.
COPFEE nominally steady—Rio cargoes,
ordinary to fair. 10@1615c.
SUGAR Steady—A soft, 7; copper refused rm, 15@16c. WHISKY steady, \$1,21@1,21. Other articles unchanged.

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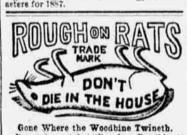
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